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## Westly Comments on Bush Administration Global Warming Conference Walk Out

**SACRAMENTO** - State Controller Steve Westly issued the following statement today:

“This was President Bush's chance to make up for his failure on the Kyoto accords.

“We need national and global solutions to greenhouse gas pollution and that requires President Bush to step up to the plate.

“I will keep fighting to make sure California's environmental protections are the toughest in the nation, and expose the fact that pollution from other states and other countries do not respect our state line.”

### Background

Controller Westly is a member of the State Lands Commission and has played a leading role in addressing global warming. Westly has:

- Sponsored legislation that requires California to establish a greenhouse gas reduction target modeled on the internationally accepted Kyoto Protocol.
- Created the Global Warming Watch to push auto companies to make cleaner cars, using California's \$300 billion investment funds as leverage.
- Raised \$1 billion for clean technology investments at the UN Summit on Climate Risk.
- Led CalPERS and CalSTRS, the first and third largest public pension systems in the nation, to allocate \$450 million in clean technologies to foster the clean tech market.

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